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Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union

NOTES AND ORDERS.

6/5 - Report of I. C.S. Berman dated 25/1/41.  
- Previous papers early.  
SQ - Ind. 1.

S. S. Hague

As per order noted by  
Hague on 4/2/41, the  
report received yet.

Ac II

P.P. Submitted below

19/2 Report at  
page 3 may  
kindly be perused. 27/1.  
S. S. Hague  
28/3 9/12

I. CSB

Please put up a precis.

SQ - Ind. 1.  
27/1

I. CSB

28/1

Done & attached

10/11/41. Sharma 28/1/41

Not to be used in D.H.

Bengal Form No. 8.  
ADJP-A 332-2910.41-2.00, 000

S. S. Hague

S. S. Hague

Pl see 13

12/1/41  
4/2/41

on 4/2

28/1



Ac II

With reference to the orders of  
DC II at P.3. please see the  
officer's remarks therein.

DC II may see.

19/2

DC

Removal of DC's query

on P.3 + the officer's reply below  
S.P. SS. may report development -  
20/2

Report of S.P. S.P. Sin 27-12-3-41 20/2 PS 11/9

Ac II

Removal of ps. 11/9 with reference to  
your orders at "A" on the margin.  
As suggested by the officer I.C.S.B.  
may report further developments.

14/3

19/3

The election contest of the two rival unions  
will take place on 22/3/41 at 5/30 P.M. at  
Kanchungchi Park. Further developments are  
being watched.

C.M.

17/3/41

FR awaited

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S.P. S.P. Sin

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noted

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## Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union.

in Bengali - ৭৪/১০ বাংলা

The union was formed sometime in November 1940 under the guidance of Nabajyoti Burman and was connected with the Bengal National Chamber of Labour. As claimed by Nabajyoti Burman, this union was started by him under the instructions of from Hon'ble Minister of C + L, Bengal for the purpose of giving relief to the workers who were being agitated by the Red organisers.

In 1941, the union organised

Moumohan is Moumohan de S/o Mr. Bhutan Mohan  
de of vill. Ranamati, P.O. & P.S. Thalakat, Dist. Barisal  
and of 55 Simla Road, Calcutta. He was the Secy. of  
the Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union (1941) and is  
at present a prominent leader of the Union.

12/8

Ac. 2  
Circul with reference

to your order regarding. With reference  
are known. For is awaited.

JRB  
11/8  
dis since  
10/8

S. On m.  
11/8

12/8

1st hand:  
S. On m. Your report  
is still awaited pl.  
12/8

2nd hand: S. On m. Your  
is still awaited pl. 12/8

11/9

58. Report of S. On m. dated 4.9.42.

Ac. 2  
Removal of 58 with reference to orders at  
the bottom of 57 and notes above.

12/8

S. On m.  
What is the situation now?

10/9

S. On m.  
10/9

10/9

1st hand:  
S. On m. Your report is still  
awaited pl.  
10/9  
2nd hand:  
S. On m. Your report is still  
awaited pl. 10/9  
10/9

Bengal Chemical Majdan Union —  
Office Bearer: — 1942-43.

✓ President — Prof. Humayun Kabi M. L. C.

✓ Vice President — Monmohan Dey.  
Nikunja Mohan Banerji.  
Satish Chandra Bose.

✓ Secretary — Dharendra Lal Chatterji.  
(Dismissed work)

Asst. Secy. — Sachin Ghosh.  
Santosh Bose.  
Rajendra Das Sarma.  
Upendra Mukherji.  
Bankim Reulh.

✓ Treasurer — Kalidas Khasnobis.

Executive Members 44.

Amal  
K. #9



A.

For signature

42A.

✓ Abdul Samad. - a worker of the Bengal Chemical & Pharm. Works (1942).

42A.

✓ Abdul Rahaman. - do -

42A.

✓ Abdul Talib - do -

42A.

✓ Abdul Sayed - s/o Md. Alimuddin of village Kunda, P.S. Nawabganj, Dist. Cooch. and of 124, Bairathana Road, Calcutta, an employee of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works (1942).

42A.

✓ Adhikari - Siddhawan - an employee of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works (1942).

73

✓ Anisuddin - - - - - worker of B.C.P.W.

73.

✓ Abdul - - - - - worker of B.C.P.W.

B.

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23. 74. 12. 15. 17. 29. 30. 34.  
37. 38. 55. 56. 01

Burnan - Nabajyoti (E.O.)  
President, Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union  
(a note is at p. 16 of the Survey/40).

15.

Bose - Dwijen  
of the All India Youth League  
Front

29.

✓ Bauman, Mahanda, of the Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union

31.

✓ Bose, Subhas Ch.

33.

✓ Bose, Mrinal Kanti

41. 61. 72. 73.

✓ Banerji. Nikunja Mohan.

57.

✓ Bhattacharya - Shyam  
- a prominent leader of the Bengal Ch. Mazdoor Union.

57.

✓ Bose - Satish - a prominent leader of the Bengal Ch. Mazdoor Union (1942)

1.

✓ Chakravarti Nidhir — (C.P.I.)

3.

✓ Chakrabarti - Sarati —  
President, Bengal Chemical Workers Union

27

✓ Chakravarti, Nripendra Mohan, of the Bengal Chemical  
Mazdur Union.

29, 41, 55, 73.

✓ Chakraborty, Bhupendra Lal, — Treasurer  
of the Bengal Chemical  
Mazdur Union. (1941)

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✓ Chakraborty - Titu —  
a prominent leader of the Bengal Chemical  
Mazdur Union (1942)



1.

✓  
Das

Lakshmi Narain — (C.P.)

a worker of the Bengal Ch. &amp; Pharmaceutical Works

1.

✓  
Dey

Sudhir — (C.P.)

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24.

✓  
Das

Sukhender — (C.P., Ind.)

S/o Anath of Chandah, Munchigang,  
Dacca - a student of St. Xavier's College -  
undergoing trial in connection with the  
Landowners' Strike.

29 41.2.42.57.61.63.72

✓ De Mon Mohon

Secy

of the Bengal Chemical Magazine Union  
S/o Dr. Shubhan Mohan D., of vill. Kanamati,  
P.O. P.S. Thalatali, Dist. Barisal and of 53, Simla Court, Cal.  
a prominent leader of the Bengal Chemical Magazine Union

29.

✓ De, Bhivendra Lal, of the Bengal Chemical Magazine Union

40.

✓ Das. Gupta. Manikanta —

a dismissed peon of the Bengal Chemical &  
Pharmaceutical works (1941)

42A. 47.51.53.57.73.

✓ De. Parimal — a worker of the Bengal Ch. & Pharmaceutical  
works (1942) - S/o Lali Krishna Ch. Seng of vill. Dugach,  
Sikrampur, Dacca and of 18, Kedar Basu Lane, Cal. - a  
prominent leader of the Bengal Chemical Magazine Union (1942)

42A

✓ Das. Nanda Lal — a worker of the Bengal Ch. & Pharmaceutical  
works (1942)

42A

✓ Das. Sashi Bhawan — do.

42A. 57.

✓ Das. Ananda Charan —

S/o Lali Krishna Charan Das of 13/1, Tanini Sarinaj, (C.P.)  
Shambhargan, Calcutta. - an employee of the Bengal Ch. &  
Pharmaceutical works (1942)

68.

✓ Das Sharma, Rajendra —

✓ Ghulam Mohammad — (C.P.I.)

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Gula - Ajit —  
(Pleader)  
Katingrahi

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Gupta - Parimal —  
S/o Kishore of Gola, Bakarganj

29.35.57

✓ Ghose, Sachindra Mohan, X of Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union  
an employee of the filling and sealing  
department of the SC Pharmaceutical Works

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Gupta, Sushil Kumar —

42A.44

✓ Ghosh - Purna Ch. — s/o P. Muktaram of Darbha, 25, Kapada  
Dist. 24 Parg.  
an employee of the Bengal Chemical &  
Pharmaceutical Works (1942)

42A

✓ Ghosh - Muktaram — an employee of the Bengal  
Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works  
(1942)

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✓ Ghosh. Anil —

Whurshed

works of B. C. P. W.

✓ 73

L.

Lahiri, Ranajit.

✓ 69



1. ✓ Mazumdar Murali - (C.P. 1)

1. ✓ Mustafi Amalendu - @ Sairen (C.P. 1)

3.7A 24 INDEXED  
Mullick - Choudhury - Surhid Kumar —  
Secretary Bengal Chemical Mazdoor  
Union.

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Mandal - Khudiram —  
President, Patharghata, P.S. Rajshahi,  
34 Parg.

29. ✓ Mukerjee, Achinta Kumar, of Bengal Chemical Mazdoor  
Union.

32 33. INDEXED  
Mahanti, Banamali —

42A. ✓ Mandal - Manmatha —  
an employee of the Bengal Chemical &  
Pharmaceutical Works (1942)

42A. ✓ Mandal - Krishna Charan — - do -

42A. ✓ Mandal - Mahadeb — - do -

57. ✓ Mukherjee - Bankim — m. L.

L.

3.

Road - 98/10, Russa \_\_\_\_\_

office of the Bengal Magazine Union (Adm.)

42A

✓  
Rai - Panchan \_\_\_\_\_

of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works (Adm.)

429.45

✓  
Ramanik. India Ch. \_\_\_\_\_

a worker of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical  
works (1942). - 2% Lali Churamain Ramanik of vill, Kani.  
Gopalnagar, P.S. Bantura, Dist. Midnapore.

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✓  
Ramanik. India Ch. \_\_\_\_\_



1.

Nandi Naren — (Cl. 1)

31.36

neogy, Juananjan.

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Nandi, Manindra Nath — a former Secy. of Subhas Bose.

1.

✓  
Sen Kamal—(C.P.I.)

3.

✓  
Sen Sailer —  
Secy. Bengal Chemical workers' Union.

7A.

✓  
Sen Shindia Nath—

36.37.

✓  
Sen, S.P. — Suptt., B.C.P.W. —

36.37

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Sen, Biren —

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Strike. Stay-in — on 25.11.41  
of 500 workers of the Packing, Despatch and P.M.  
Departments of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical  
Works, 168 Maheshkolla Main Road, Cal.

41.

✓  
Sen. Rajen —

42A.

✓  
Santia. Akru Ch. —  
a worker of the Bengal Chemical & Phar. Works  
(1942).

51.57.

✓  
Sayed Ali <sup>mistry</sup> —  
a prominent member of the Bengal Chemical workers' union  
and an employee of the Bengal Chemical & Phar.  
Works (1942)

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Government of Bengal.

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Ac 2

Re: Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Workers' union  
and Bengal Chemical Majdori union

In April 1940, The Communist Party of India (Marxist Group) tried to organize the workers of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works over the question of war bonus. Nothing tangible was done in the direction of forming any union excepting that a meeting of the workers was held on 2.4.40 over the said question.

Some time in November 1940 two unions were formed, viz, (1) Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical workers union patronized by the management and located where the work, and (2) the Bengal Chemical Majdori union organized by Nabajyoti Basu and connected with the Bengal National Chamber of Labour (recognized by the Govt). As claimed by Nabajyoti Basu, this union was started by him under instructions from the Hon'ble Minister, C & L, Bengal for the purpose of giving relief to the workers who were being ~~forced~~ exploited by the Red agitators. The Head Office of this union is situated at 98/10 Bura Road, Tollygunj, having also a Branch Office at Rajaram Lal Miton Road, B. Sarkar's Market. This union claims a membership of 1,500 as against 80 in favour of the former union.

The Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Workers' union is <sup>practically</sup> a defunct.

The Bengal Chemical Majdori Union's activities are summarized below:-

On 11.1.41 its Executive Committee adopted resolutions condemning the dismissal of some workers and demanding an increase in wages. As a sequel to this about 50 men were ~~dismissed~~ <sup>refused</sup> to accept the wages as proposed.



IV

21.1.41 - They have accepted it on the assurance that the rule would be reinstated.

In a meeting on 11.2.41 the union passed a resolution deciding to send a delegation to the management, ~~immediately~~ (24.2.41) which was received on 21.2.41. It was decided by the parties to have one union, instead of two, through an open election contest determining the support of the union. On seeing the delay of the management to implement the terms of agreement, the union in its meeting held at Kankargachi Maidan (22.3.41) under the patronage of Nabajyoti Barmah, issued a warning to the management to reply to their demands within a fortnight failing which they would take recourse to demonstrations and also propaganda for boycott of the Company's products.

On 5.4.41 the union organised a procession (700) under the guidance of Nabajyoti Barmah and Durgin Bose of the All India Youth League and displayed posters representing their grievances and demands. ]

The facts above will show the present position of the two unions concerning this Company. ]

In reference to the D. I. B's letter and vice below it may be pointed out that there is nothing further on record regarding its activities. The Bengal Chemical Maidan union and of Nabajyoti Barmah in this connection have not been stated above.

The history sheet of Nabajyoti Barmah is placed below.

V

With regard to para 2 and Dr. I.B.'s letter, the report of Insp. C.S. Burman may be pursued.

As regards the last para and letter it may be said that Nabajyoti Barman has always been found well connected with the activities of White, i.e., anti-red sections.

Cont  
1574/41

D.2.2.

Ref. Dr. I.B.'s letter at page 17 along with Insp. C.S. Burman's report at pages 21-19 and W.W.'s note above with the History Sheet of Nabajyoti Barman at pages 16

Nabajyoti Barman who was formerly an Anushilan member but not an ex-detenu is the organizer of the Bengal Chemical Majdoor Union (a White Union), and he has been taking leading part in the advancement of the cause of the workers of the Factory. It is said that he formed the organization under advice of the Hon'ble Minister, C & L to protect the interest of the workers against the exploitation of the Red-Unionists. At present his Union claims to have 1,500 members as against 80 of the Bengal Chemical Workers' Union controlled by the management.

It is reported that the following irregularities have of late been noticed by the management :-

(a) On 5.4.41 about 90 hands of the workshop at 168 Maniktala Main Road laid down their tools early, which was presumed to be the sequel of the circulation of a false rumour, by some mischief-monger, that the factory had been closed for the day.

(b) Disorder was noticed in the Chloroform manufacturing Plant at 168 Maniktala Main Road in production of Pure Chloroform. The experts have, however, failed to ascertain the reason thereof.

VI  
(c) The Ether production at Panihatī ( 24 Pargā) has diminished to a great extent on account of the intentional lethargy of the workers.

The Management admits that except in the case of ether ~~production~~ the production of all materials and chemicals have been uniform upto now.

The latest activities of Navajyoti Burman and his Union may be summed up as follows:-

1) On 11.1.41 the Executive Committee of his Union condemned the dismissal of some workers and demanded increment in wages which was followed by the refusal of some 50 hands of the Carpentry Deptt. to accept their wages. This, however, was settled on the assurance of the Management that the men would be reinstated.

2) On 21.2.41 a deputation waited on the Management and it was decided, inter alia, that there would be one Union, instead of two. There being delay in fulfilling the terms of agreement, a warning was given to the Management in a meeting at Kakurgachi Maidan on 22.3.41 to reply to their demands within a fortnight failing which they would take recourse to demonstration and other propaganda for the boycott of Company's products.

3) On 2.4.41 the workers of Panihatī Factory went on strike for one night and Navajyoti Barman persuaded them to resume work.

4) On 5.4.41 the ~~MANAGEMENT~~ Union organised a procession (700) jointly with Dwijen Bose, nephew of Subhas Bose, of the All India Youth League displaying posters representing their grievances and demands vide page flag-ged 'B'

5) It is reported that as a protest against the attitude of the management he has decided to lead the Workers' Pay Strike for a week from 18.4.41. The workers will, however, accept their pay after the week and would then approach



approach the Directors, the Shareholders and also the Govt.  
for holding an enquiry into their grievances.

In the absence of any definite information it is  
difficult to say how far he is responsible for the aforesaid  
irregularities. But his alliance with Dwijen Bose appears  
rather suspicious and his activities require close watching.

de San  
16/11

M. M. M. M.  
A.C., S.B.  
15.4.41.

See by D.C. vide his reply to  
Bayley, Criminals, Delhi at 15.23/22

16/11

de 2

Process of the report  
office

Out up 10.11.41  
20/11

36-37 Report of J.C.S.B. dfr 20.11.41.

AC II Perusal of pages 26-37 with ref to pages 33-30  
F.O.P.

1/11

21/11/41.

de 2

Consd. Inform. C.S. Bureau may  
baker + report further developments.  
de may like to see.

J.C.S.B.  
SATV. 25/11/41.

CM  
25/11/41

20/11

de

Perusal

1/11  
24/11

FR Sub-Title only

CM  
25/11/41



Letter dt- 26.11.41 from the Bengal Chemical  
+ Pharmaceutical works Ltd. -

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Ac II

Removal of p. 38 with ref. to pages 17 +  
22 of file S.W. 871/41 linked below.

SAT.

28/11/41

Dec 2

Removal of p. 38. I was informed  
on the phone that the strike was reported by  
G. Duman. May be filed?

14/11

28/11

On para 216 dated 31/1/42.

A // R.N. on these three with a view  
to settlement.

SQ - J.V.S.T.  
30/1

48 - 7th Dec

Dr. S. H. P. A.

W.W. action being  
taken by  
3/2

Letter dt- 6.2.42 from the President B.C.M.W. -

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Ac II

Removal of p. 52.

DC II may see.

11/12

Dec 2

Removal. The trouble is over the  
strike has not joined. May be filed?

11/12

11/12

Ac 2

Re: order of DC at 'A' above.

Information on record in CB  
and EO against Parimal De, Ananda W. Das  
and Syed Ali Mistry & Abdul Sayed on handwritten  
below in the note for further approval.

11/12

Office

Pl put up with the  
letter of 7.12.41 and  
house

Order within (p. 50).

For immediate enquiry report

Report submitted // 17/2  
16/2

DC. 2

Parul yllir notes on Cardinal de,  
Ananda Charan Das @ Ananda and Syed Ali  
Mistry @ Abdul Syed who were reported  
to have been responsible for the strike  
in the B.C.P.W. on 30.1.42 with reference  
to DC's order at p 48 (flagged). In this  
connection the reports of S. D. N. Mulla's notes  
at pp 57-58 and pp 54-53 may be found.  
The strike ended on 10.2.42. A Conciliation Board  
was formed comprising the L.C., DC, N., A.C., N.S.  
representatives of the Company, Union and strikers  
to consider the grievances and demands which  
are (1) 25% increment in wages, (2) 25p.c.  
war bonus, (3) pay during strike periods and  
(4) no victimisation. The Board of Directors of  
the Company will meet on 18.2.42 and the  
Conciliation Board on 21.2.42 to consider the  
above. Cardinal de mentioned above  
is a member of the Conciliation Board and  
the situation is at present peaceful.  
Should we await decision of the Board?

Yes

J.B.

17/2

A. S. Mulla

17/2

1. C.S.B.  
25/2.

F.R. has been submitted by S. I. D. N. Mulla today.  
The Board decided on 21.2.42 that a war bonus

of Rs 4/- per head would be granted. The board did not recommend the payment of wages during the strike period. As the workers of the machine shop were not satisfied, about 500 out of a total of 700 workers of this sect went on strike on 23.2.42. The strike is peaceful.

The L.C. is expected to visit the place today (25/2/42). As far as could be gathered by S.I. D.N. Mullick the L.C. and the Company are not in favour of taking any action at this stage.

C. J. Brown

25/2/42

Dec 2

Consul with reference to

Law over our head below.

26/2

26/2

Report of S.I. D.N. Mullick of 8.8.42.

57.

F.R. Do we know particulars of Parimal and Monmohan? If not try to obtain them.

S.O. - I.B.B. 8/8

Ac II

Both Parimal and Monmohan are known.

Parimal is Parimal de S/o Late Sush Ch. Sanyal of village Doga, Bikaner, Saccar and of 18, Kedar Bazar Lane, Calcutta. A prominent member of the Bengali Chemical Magazine Society (1942).

11.

Union

Bengal Chemical workers'—



91. Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works.

The Manicktolla Group of the C.P.I. is organizing the working of the above factory over the question of war bonus. A Union is likely to be formed soon. On 2-4-40 a meeting was held on an open plot of land

\*including

Prof. Gopal Halder,

Amrendu Mustafi @ Sailen

Amal Sen,

Nichir Chikravarti.

Murari Mazumdar.

Lakshmi Narain Das,

Sudhir Day,

Naren Nandi,

Gholam Mohammad

(all of the C.P.I.).

opposite

the factory

where about

300 workers had assembled. The speakers stressed the need for a war bonus, and urged the workers to unite and organize. The success of the scavengers in their recent strike was pointed out to the audience. A Bengali leaflet printed by Sailen Mustafi enumerating the workers grievances and explaining the immediate necessity for a 25% of war bonus was circulated among the workers.

Sub. No. 4/40

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✓  
Nelson?  
54. Bengal Chemical Pharmaceutical Workers' Union.

C.R. 68143  
11-11-40

In the columns of the weekly "Sramik"  
Nabajyoti <sup>CA.</sup> Sarkar, President, Bengal Chemical & Soap  
Union, appeals to the shop assistants not to sell the  
products of the Bengal Chemical Co., for various  
repressions to which their employees are subjected.

SC.

824/40

108. Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Workers Union.

Consulted St. J.D.  
who advised to change  
the heading for

Bengal Chemical  
Mazdoor Union

CR. 69479  
19.11.40.

The workers of the above Union have started two  
Unions viz :- (1). Bengal Chemical Workers Union (120)

which is located within the workshop. Sarat Chakravarty  
is the President and Sailen Sen is the Secretary. Its  
object is to improve the conditions of service of the  
employees.

(2). Bengal Chemical Mazdoors Union (600)  
is a White Flag Union, of which ex-detenu Naba Jyoti  
Burman is the president, and Suri Kumar Mullick Choudhury  
is the Secretary. The Head Office is located at 98/10,  
Russe Road, and the local office at B. Barker's Market,  
Rajendralal Mitra Road.

Both the Unions are registered.

MS;

SI SS Hagne

95 This correct-3

SI

4/2

Yes Sir! This is correct. The  
Union has been started by  
E.D. Naba Jyoti Burman, who  
requested Suri Kumar Mullick Choudhury  
to become its secretary for the  
purpose of registration of the  
union only. He is a secretary in  
name only but does not take  
any active part.

S. S. Hagne

SI. 15

19/2

EXTRACT FROM REVIEW OF SRANIK D/-8/1/41. (CS R/209/27/41)

At page 7 it is said that the situation has become graver in the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works. Fearing the solidarity and organisation of the workers of this factory against repression, the employers are committing more repressions on them with the ridiculous idea of suppressing the workers through repression. The important members of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union are put to new sufferings every day. Oppression and inequity are gradually going beyond toleration and the employers do not seem to be wise about the saying "a stitch in time saves nine." The workers are preparing for strike action in case it should be needed.

Labour D.O. to  
report develop-  
ments pl.

Sd/- G.B.Roy.  
15/1.

Yes.

Sd/- M.I.  
15/1.

Sd/- J.D. Dutt.  
15/1/41.

Inspr. C.S. Burman  
to report pl.

Sd/- G.B.Roy.  
17/1.

Noted.

Sd/- C.S. Burman.  
17/1/41.

DS



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6.

TRADES UNIONS: 29-1-41.

174. Benzal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Workers' Union (White).

O.R. 3508  
27-1-41.

Owing to the dismissal of five men of the Carpentry Department and one man of the Drug Stores Department, about 50 workers of the Carpentry Department refused to accept their wages on 20th and 21st instant. They agreed to do so, however, on being assured that the dismissed men would be reinstated.

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5.

152. The Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union (White).

O.R. 2951  
22-1-41

On 11-1-41 at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Union held in its office, resolutions were adopted condemning the dismissal of seven workers and demanding an increase in wages.

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MUSLIM AFFAIRS. 19.2.41.

103. Maharr Association.

N.32.  
17.2.41.

It is reported that inspite of the warning by Fida Mahomed some Mahomeds incited Musselmans to protest against the arrest of Muslims in Sahabagan on 10.2.41. Dr. Ismail Nami who was appointed as Amire Ala (Dictator to supervise the work of 3 Provincial Governors) is reported to have refused to accept the post. Dr. Nami has now settled at Meerut with his family. But he is reported to have left for Delhi on 15.2.41. to make efforts through Dr. Sir Ghousia and others to have the warrant of arrest against him cancelled <sup>and</sup> also to have questions raised in the Central Assembly regarding

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W.R. dated 15-2-41

(3) **Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.**

**—Meeting—**

Date—11-2-41.

Place—Kankurgachi Park.

Audience—300.

President—**Naba Jyoti Burman.**

Banners and flags.—Nil.

Slogans.—Majdur Union Ki Jai,  
Bengal Chemical Majdur Union Ki Jai,  
Majdur Dabi Puran Karo, Banglar  
Majdur ek hauk.

Speakers—**Naba Jyoti Burman, Dhirendra Nath Sen** and **Surhid Mullick Choudhury** [para. 496(c) (3)].

Subject.—Speeches were delivered in Bengali ventilating the grievances of the workers. It was resolved that if the demands of the workers were not met a deputation should be sent to the Company.



7.  
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TRADE UNIONS: 5-2-41.

17. Benzil Chemic 1 Mazdur Union (White).

O.F. 4594  
3-2-41

In continuation of January para. 174 the workers of the above Union who at first decided to boycott the

O.F. 4512  
2-2-41

Saraswati Pujations, as the authorities refused to entertain their representative for the redress of the grievances, later on co-operated - the authorities having agreed to receive a deputation of the workers after the Pujas.

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Re: Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works  
Raydon Union (White).

9105  
8.3.41

On 21.2.41, the Engr of the above works  
received a delegation of the B. C. P. W. Raydon  
Union. It was decided that there should

Memorandum No: 9105 of 10.9.41.

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D.C. N. for information

7/3/41

be one Union instead of two as existing  
here + the strength of the Unions should be  
determined in an open election contest - where  
~~each union~~ each of the two rival unions  
would set up their candidates.

10.2.

The Labour D.O.  
may watch on this  
day. Should D.C. N.  
be informed?

It is learnt that the election will  
be held on 15.3.41 at 5/30 PM at  
Kankurgachi Park. A hard contest is expected.

7.3.41.

The parties may also adopt violent tactics.

7/3/41

6/7/3

C. S. Bhowmik

A.C. II

Re: your notes above. has been  
sent a copy of the report to D.C. N. for information.  
An endorsement submitted above on the margin.

7.3.41

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Date

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By to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D.  
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CALCUTTA POLICE.

By Inspector

D. D.  
S. B. Calcutta, dated

12/3 41

By Dy. Commr.

By Dy. Commr.

Dy. Commissioner's Signature and Seal.

7) The office bearers of the co-operative stores and credit society wd. be elected by ballot.

Besides these, there was talk about contract-workers, stable workers, and prayer time for mohammedan workers which wd. be considered later on.

Afore said demands were announced to the workers by Mr. J. Burman at which most of the workers were pleased.

The activities of the union are mainly in the direction of Mr. C. S. Burman who may report further developments.

24/3 as per  
Mr. report

12/3  
Subscribed  
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On

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12/3 1941

Diary

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Dy. Commissioner's Orders

The majority of votes

2) Six of the seven dismissed workers had. been re-instated.

3) The general increment in the wages and war allowance as given by the European Companies had. been introduced and had. been announced shortly.

4) The Union men had. conducted the searches of the persons of the workers at the gate when they had. been off from their duty.

5) Graded service scheme of the Company had. been intimated to the Union shortly.

6) Compulsory provident fund for those who have completed one year's service and gratuity for those who have completed 10 years service had. been introduced.



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of D. D. Calcutta, dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Dy. Commissioner's Secretary  
and Officer

Diary

Re. S.W. 844.  
Bengal Chemical Works  
Union. (White)

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Tamm  
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On enquiring it-  
is learnt from Sabajoti  
Biswas that he himself  
along with 14 others saw  
Mr. Lahiri the manager  
and Mr. Sen the Supt.  
of the Bengal Chemical  
and Pharmaceutical  
works, in the evening  
of 21-2-41. With the  
following demands  
most of which were  
accepted. The result-  
of the talks by the representatives  
with authorities were  
as follows.

1. CSB. (cf. p. 11)  
17/3.

1) Of the two rival unions  
(one of the companies & the other  
by White) the company  
had recognized  
the one which will command

Swt 844/40.

12.

✓  
118. Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union.

M.R. 11281.  
24.3.41.

A meeting (600) of the Union held on 22.3.41 under the presidentship of N.I. Burman insisted on having a satisfactory reply to their demands within 15 days from 23.3.41, failing which they threaten to hold meetings and processions and carry on propaganda for the boycott of the products of the Company.

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2.

Copies of a Bengali leaflet issued by the Bengal Chemical Majdur Union appealing to the public to support the cause of the employees of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works who were being oppressed in many ways by the authorities of the Company, were distributed in this meeting.

(NOTE : The speeches are under examination. )

42. National Week - 2nd day - 7.4.41.

O.Rs. 13255-58.  
8.4.41.

(i) B.P.C.C. (Ad Hoc).

Except a probhat feri of 8 men\* and two ladies organised by the Burrabazar District Congress Committee which moved in the Burrabazar area for about an hour and a spinning demonstration by 12 persons in the B.P.C.C. office, no other activities were noticed.

\*Deo Dutt  
Missir,  
Satnarain  
Misir,  
Rajbali Sukul,  
Suraj Bama  
Singh,  
Daroga Missir,  
Bhagawati  
Tewari,  
Hari Sankar  
Sarma and  
another.

(ii) B.P.C.C. (Suspended).

The Committee in conjunction with the B.P.F.B. and the All India Youths' League observed the Day as "Labourers' Day" by holding a public meeting (250) at Rashbagan Maidan Bellisghata under the presidentship of Dr. Charu Banerji (Ex-detenu) and later on of A.M.A. Zaman M.L.A. Dr. Charu Banerji urged the students and youths to take up the cause of the peasants and workers, and advised the latter to form strong unions. He condemned the capitalist exploitations in this country and deprecated the communal movement sponsored by the Hon'ble Mr. Suhrawardy in connection with census and labour movement. He observed the present riots at Dacca and other places were due to the communal activities of leaders of both the Hindu and Muslim leaders. Aboul wahed Boksinagari observed that the rights of peasants and workers are to be seized by force. Surhid Mallick Chowahury said that the British Government had been carrying on zulm by the Police force in the name of maintaining law and order. He added that the Government, at the instance of the capitalists, were trying to gag and stop the agitation of the peasants and workers. The streets had been painted red with the fresh blood of these men and he knew instances of lorries being driven on the worker agitators. Exploitation was being carried on in the name of maintaining law and order. A.M.A. Zaman referred to the split in the Congress and observed that Subhas Bose wanted powers for the workers and peasants. He remarked that the Ministry did not want the good of the labourers. He wondered how the riots at Dacca and other places could not be stopped as yet inspite of the maintenance of the huge Police force in the country. He characterised the Hon'ble Mr. Suhrawardy and his followers as d-lals, and asked the audience not to put reliance on the words of Mr. Suhrawardy when he described as a helping hand to the Mill owners. Only a small number of labourers were present in the meeting. One Subodh Ch. Chanda raised usual slogans including "Down with Huq Ministry, Down with British Imperialism, Continue Direct Action, and Down with Huq Sahab's sengha".

MR-13251

8441



*Swastika*  
O.R. 13002.  
7.4.41.

15.

45. Bengal Chemical Mazdur Union. (White).

On 5. 4. 41 the Union organized a procession (700 under the guidance of Mr. Nabatvoti Burman and Rajan Bose of the All India Youths' League Majdoor Front. They started from Kakurgachi Park and arrived at the foot of the Monument after parading along some important thoroughfares. They carried about 54 posters representing their grievances and demands and shouting the same slogans.

WH.

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A short note on NABAJYOTI BARNAL s/o Aswini Kumar village Nonpara p.s. Bajitpur, Dist. Mymensingh and of P428/1, Southern Avenue, Calcutta - Was originally a member of the Anushilan Party,

RN.2171.

1932: Was informed by the authorities of the Calcutta Tramways Coy. that they had no objection in employing M.Bs if found suitable; is the Editor of "Sramik" (a labour Weekly); is the Secretary of the Calcutta Tramway Employees Association, which the Muslim workers of Nonapukur Tram Depot favoured; is a member of White Union.

1940: Was elected as a President of the Shop Assistant Association of Bengal for the year 1940-41; advised the shop assistants to join the Bengal Shop Assistants' Association and urged the necessity of the early enactment of the shop and establishments Bill at a Special Conference at the Albert Hall; was the President of the Bengal Chemical Majdur Union; urged the shop assistants through "Sramik" (a Weekly) not to sell the products of the Bengal Chemical Coy. for various repressions on the employees.

1941: Is the President of Anandabazar Patrika Workers' Association (White); Presided over a meeting under the auspices of the Bengal Chemical Majdur Union in which he ventilated the grievances of the workers and it was resolved to wait on a deputation on the Company if the demands were not met; saw the Manager Bengal Chemical Pharmaceutical works along with others and placed before him the demands of the workers; insisted in another meeting under the auspices of the Bengal Chemical Majdur Union in having a satisfactory reply to their demands within 15 days failing which threatened to hold meetings and processions and carry on propaganda for the boycott of the products of the Coy; led from Kakurgachi Park a procession of about 700 workers who carried 54 posters representing their grievances along with Dwijen Bose of All India Youth League Mazdur Front.

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SECRET.

No. 3/Lab/40.

INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, (HOME DEPARTMENT),  
Government of India,  
New Delhi, dated 9th April, 1941.

My dear Janvrin,

It has been reported to the Central Government that N.J. BURMAN (an ex-detenu) is leading a labour organisation and creating trouble and disturbance in the factory of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Calcutta, which are engaged in the manufacture of vital war supplies, i.e. ether for the Medical Directorate of Army Headquarters.

The Works already have a labour union of their own, and the formation of this new organisation is said to be causing an unsettling effect in their plant. J.N. Lahiri, the Managing Director of the Works has expressed his fears of sabotage and the Director-General of Medical Services is taking up the question of having his Works declared a prohibited place. Such action would keep out those who have no concern with the Works, but will not affect the persons inside the Works who are adherents of the ex-detenu who is responsible, or said to be responsible, for agitation. It seems necessary, therefore, that the workers in this concern should be carefully checked, including the ex-detenu's activities.

Can you kindly let me have your comments regarding N.J. Burman's activities, and his motives for attacking a concern mainly engaged in war supplies? If his only endeavour is to create labour trouble wherever he can, it is one matter; a more sinister motive is a possibility which should be kept in mind. We understand J.N. Lahiri has already been to the Calcutta Police in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*V.T. Bayley*

J.V.B. Janvrin, Esqr., IP.,  
Deputy Commissioner of Police, S.B.,  
Calcutta. 9.4.41.

Copy to:-

1. D.A. Brayden, Esqr., IP.,  
Central Intelligence Officer, Calcutta.
2. Rai P.K. Biswas Bahadur, Spl. Supdt. of Police,  
I.B., Bengal, Calcutta.

Sd/- V.T. Bayley,

Asst. Director (R).

PIM.  
8.4.41.

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In immediate report

Report attached

Edman 15/4/41

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Lal Chand & Sons, Printers, Calcutta—No. 447 R (B. 95)—24-5-40—30,000 Dya.



N. J. Brennan. the president of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Workers Union claims that under kind instruction of the Hon'ble Labour Minister, he started the organisation to give relief to the workers who were being grossly exploited by the real unions in connivance with the company's people. He maintains that he has no intention to cause disruption in the working of the factories or to cause strike or this would mean indiscipline and lack of control. There are legitimate grievances of the workers and he wants to proceed constitutionally.

\* In a meeting held on 12/4/41 inside the Factory compound. This proposed action was confirmed.

To record protest agt the attitude of the Company the workers will go on "Pay strike" \* from 18/4/41 ~~at~~ and will accept the pay after a week. He would then approach the Director and Shareholder of the Company and also the Govt for holding an enquiry into the grievances of the Company workers. On 2.4.41. the workers of Panibati Factory (N. P. P.) went on strike for one night and he persuaded them to resume work.

Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Workers Union  
 Has about 1500 members or agit only about  
 80 members of the rival 'company's union'. C. J. Brennan  
 12/4/41

On 5/4/41 about 90 men of the workshops where the Fire extinguishers are made, suddenly ~~left~~ <sup>lost</sup> their tools at about 5/15 PM and left the factory although they were marched for duty from 2 PM to 10 PM. because some mischief monger had spread a false rumour that the factory had closed down for the day.

About 3 weeks ago some disorder was noticed in the plant for manufacture of Chloroform. - with the result that it has become difficult to make absolutely pure Chloroform. The disorder could not be mended yet, as the defect could not be detected by experts even - a peculiar disorder which <sup>is</sup> still <sup>in</sup> the air. The production of Ether at the Parikhadi Factory has diminished to a great extent on account of the intentional sabotage of the workers.

From the above incidents the authorities suspect that the workers who are under the influence of the May Day Union are out to do material harm. Except in the

case of Ether. The production of the other materials & chemicals has been uniform up to now.

2/2/42

Re: Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical  
Works Ltd.

Mr. J. N. Lahiri could not be seen, as he had  
left for Delhi.  
It is learnt on enquiry from Babu Satya  
Prasanna Sen, Superintendent, Saitan Sen, Secy  
of the Bengal Chemical workers union (Company side)  
that the rival organisation styled Bengal  
Chemical & Pharmaceutical Karydow Union of  
which N. J. Borman is the president - has  
been working the Company since it came  
into existence about a year ago - by agitating  
the workers - although they have no legitimate  
grievances.

Since about a year the Company has  
been executing war orders by supplying  
manufacturing Fire extinguishers, Chloroform  
Caffeine Citrus and various other chemicals  
and almost all the Sections of the  
Factory are involved. Fire extinguishers -  
Chloroform etc are manufactured at the  
factory at 168 Kanich Na Karm Road and  
Ether and Nitro etc are made at  
the Factory at Parikati (24 Bags).

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Statement of J.P.335, dated 9. 4. 41.

Calcutta C.P.I.  
Reliable.A(1).

D.S.V, for action  
please.

Sd/- W.M.Chakrabarti.  
for D.S.II.  
10.4.41.

S.S.4/S.S.3.

Perusal.

No.2151C/S dt.17.4.41

(1) Ex. from para I  
to D.C.S.B. & L.C.  
Folder.

(2) Re. para III Pl.  
put up with previous stts.

(3) Gist of Para I may to  
in Com.Sec.folder.

Sd/- P.C.MUKHARJI.  
10/4.

Ref.C.N.S.dt.  
25.2.41.

Ref C.N.S. dt.  
20.3.41.

Re.Action N.S.P.  
XVIII.  
24-Pergs letter  
No.2005 dt.  
26.3.41.

D.S.(5). Re. the  
Labour Union in the  
Bengal Chemical  
& Pharmaceutical  
Works we have  
received a letter  
from the Dir.I.B.  
Please deal with  
this matter keep-  
ing that letter in  
view.  
Sd/- PB.  
18/4.

I. There exists a Labour Union in the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works, Maniktolla, controlled by the Forward Bloc and SUHRID MALLIK CHOUHURI is the Secretary. The Labourers of this Union made demonstrations and held a protest meeting on 4.4.41 in the works for not receiving extra dues for overtime work and also went on partial strike. SUKHENDU DAS s/o ANATH of C<sub>1</sub> Dhamdah, Munshiganj, Dacca (mentioned) and AJIT GUHA, pleader (mentioned) are trying to capture this Union by exposing SUHRID MALLIK & others for their inertness to fight and ameliorate the condition of the labourers. SUKHENDU DAS has arranged to make contact with the labourers through the members of North Calcutta Group and to distribute pamphlets amongst the labourers to foment their dissatisfaction against the authorities.

II. There has been no further development towards the formation of a regular unit at Kakurgachi yet.

III. (a) PARIMAL GUPTA, mentioned by me is the s/o KSHIRODE of Golla, Bakarganj. I do not know his present Calcutta address.

(b) KHUDIRAM MANDAL, mentioned by me does not hail from Bankura district. He is a President of Patharghata P.S.Rajmahat, 24-Parganas. I cannot supply his Calcutta Address.

(c) I do not know the particulars of JAGANNATH MITRA AND SHAMBHU PRASAD mentioned by me. However, I am trying to collect their particulars.

NOTE. The agent has particularly cautioned that no enquiry should be made regarding the persons mentioned in Para.III (a) (b) & (c) at present. This might lead to his exposure.

Sd/- B.P.Das.  
10.4.41.

Recorded by,  
Sd/- Brahma Prasad Das,  
S.I. 10.4.41.

~~XXXXXX~~ S.S.3. (i) Seen and noted. Ex. from para I to D.C.S.B. at once.  
C/S. to enclose pl. (ii) In this connection para 76 of S.B.D.N. dt.17.4.41  
Sd/- P.C.M. may be seen. D.C.S.B. has prepared a note on the B.C. &  
18/4. P.Workers' Union and the B.C.Majdoor Union and forward-  
ing it to Dr.I.B. We have asked for a copy of their note  
for our file.

The former union formed under the auspices of the management of this company is not functioning at present. The latter union of which N.J.Burman (who works for the Hon'ble Labour Minister's Union) is the President and Suhrid Mallik Chowdhury is the Secretary.

(iii) C/S to put up all other previous information re. B.C. & P.Works Co. Labour matters early.  
(iv) R/O will please remain in constant touch with the agent and report developments re. para 1.

Sd/- P.C.Mukherjee.  
18.4. 41.

WH.



SECRET.

SOCIALISM: 15.2.39.

173. Communist Party of India.

C.L.18  
10.2.39

It is reported that Ajoy Kumar Ghosh(C.P.I.) of the United Provinces while dining with Deb Kumar Das(C.P.I.) and other party leaders at 25, Beniatolla Lane discussed the programme for organizational work. He promised to get into touch with his comrades in the United Provinces and to send monetary help for released political prisoners and their families. He read out a letter in Bengali which he had received from a prisoner in the Dum Dum jail through a warder from the United Provinces. The writer said "We are determined to go on hunger strike unless the leaders and comrades give up their shilly shallying method. Let them strike the enemy when he lies low".

174. C.P.I.- Congress.

I.R.3933  
9.2.39

It is reported that P.C.Joshi(C.P.I.) has recently sent Ajoy Ghosh(C.P.I.) an article which deals with the statements of Vallhabhai Patel, Mr.Gandhi, Mr.Subhas Bose and others on the latter's re-election to the Congress presidency and accuses Mr.Gandhi of doing a disservice to India by giving a dangerous and disruptive lead at a time when the British Empire is on its last legs. The people, the writer says, are seized with self-confidence and are ready for an all round offensive for democracy. This critical situation requires that the right and left wing elements should unite under a common leadership.

175. C.P.I.- Publications.

M.13  
11.2.39

Moulana Abdur Razzak Malihabadi(C.P.I.), editor of the "Hind" is said to have made arrangements to tour the Near East and Europe but the directors of the paper will not allow this as they wish him to remain to improve the paper. He has, however, expressed his determination to go abroad. P.C.Joshi(C.P.I.) is reported to have sent instructions to guide Ajoy Kr.Ghosh(C.P.I.) in dealing with the "left wing" elements and to have asked him to request Mr.Subhas Bose to send a greeting for the annual number of the "National Front" which will appear on 12.2.39.

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9.2.39.

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126. Nabajyoti Burman.

O.R. 15131.  
24.4.41.

This individual says that Dwijen Bose prior to his arrest asked him to join the Youths' League as its President and in order to please him joined the procession of the Bengal Chemical Workers recently along with his followers (vide para.45). Samsul Huda had joined Dwijen Bose and invited Burman to join them. He has also applied for Burman's assistance in reorganizing the workers of the Electric Supply Corporation for the proposed all-India strike organised by C.F.I.

Samsul Huda has assumed the party name Rabi for his communication with Burman, but Burman is avoiding him.

*See 84/10*

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130. Bengal Chemical Majdoor Union (White).

O.S. 18043. The management of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutic.  
16.5.41. Works Ltd. has recognised the above Union from 12. 5. 41.

Aurobinda Bose, of 38/2, Elgin Road, is reported to  
have visited the office of the Union at Rajendra Lal Street  
on 6.5.41 and sought the cooperation of the Secretary.



Original Sent to D.O. No. 28/41.

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25.6.41

BENGAL CHEMICAL MAZDOOR UNION.

B. Sarker's Bazar,  
134, Rajendra Lal Mitter  
Road, Calcutta.  
23rd. June 1941.

To  
The Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the annual General Meeting of the Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union (White) will be held at Mahabodhi Society Hall, 4A, College Square on the 28th. the Saturday next at 6.30. p.m.

The meeting will be presided by the President of the Union Mr. N.J. Burman. The Secretary Babu Manomohan De an worker of the Company will read out the report (Annual). Dhirendra Lal Chatterji, Nripen Chakrabarty, Sachin Ghosh Workers of the Company will speak.

The Union has been recognised by the Company and a member of the board of Directors has been included in the officer bearers of the Union. The members of the Board, the Lion Shareholders of the Company and the Management of the Company will join the meeting.

It has been decided that the workers will come in a procession (in a line) which will contain NO POSTERS, No Shouting to excite the labourers. They will come peacefully through Maniktola Main Road, Vivekananda Road, Amherst Street, Mirzapur Street, College Square, the shortest route maintaining discipline.

Expecting an early reply.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Yours obediently,

Sd/- Manomohan De.  
Secretary,  
BENGAL CHEMICAL MAZDOOR UNION.  
(White).

D.C. (North)

No objection from S.A.  
point of view.  
As any permit may be issued  
direct to the party.

Sd/- A.K. Saha  
25/6/41.

2437. Bengal Chemical Mazdoor  
Union (para. 11723) — Meeting —

Date—28th June.

Place—Mahabodi Society Hall.

Audience—325.

President—**Nabajyoti Barman**  
(para. 2264)

Flags and banners.—A red Union  
banner.

Slogans.—'Bengal Chemical Mazdoor  
Union ki jai'

Speakers.—**Mon Mohan De, Dhiren-  
dra Lal De, Sachindra Mohan Ghosh,  
Makunda Barman, Nripendra Mohan  
Chakrabarti, Achinta Kumar Mukharji**  
and **Nabajyoti Barman**.

Subject.—The Bengal Chemical Com-  
pany was condemned for oppression on  
its employees and the workers were  
urged to be law-abiding and disciplined.

Procession—

Date—28th June

Number—300

Route—From office of the Bengal  
Chemical Company, Manicktolla  
Main Road, to the above meeting.

Led by—**Dhirendra Lal Chatterji**  
(treasurer of the above Union).

honoured, will rather die than be subjects and slaves of  
an All-India Anglo-Hindu Central Government.

183. All India Mijlise Ahrar.

O.B. 27978

25-7-41

Raghib Ihsan is credited with the information  
that Maulana Mazhar Ali Azhar and other members of the  
Mijlise Ahrar have decided to desert the Indian National  
Congress and join the All-India Muslim League in a body to  
support its Pakistan Scheme.

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on the table which is varified by the stores and enters in the store book. the workers book, Label supplying book, & store book are varified and entered in the day & ledger.

I reported this shortage to the Board of Directors, who sent the case for an enquiry to those who are culprits and did not allowed anygus to be present at the time of enquiry. On the report of the enquiry the workers has been discharged.

Now, Sir the situation is so bad which is impossible to me to explain. The workers who are loyal has been discharged. It has become impossible to me to explain the workers that I shall be able to protect them. They might attack the manager or some other officers who are responsible for these mischieves.

I forage to you to take immediate step into the matter and to make an enquiry by a responsible officer along with me to save the workers from the oppression of the Company. By your interference the workers will get thousand fold energy to produce war materials.

There is example that the Company put man under lock and key without food for days together as he has not put on Khaddar.

I hope you will very kindly take immediate steps into the matter to save the poor workers.

I have the honours to be  
Sir

Yours Sincerely  
N. J. Banerjee

President



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Now the company is transferring the union workers in such places so that it will be easy to harass the workers when they will have no other way but to resign.

This policy has been adopted by the newly appointed labour adviser & labour officer. They are Babu Jnananjan Neogy, officer in charge, Calcutta Corporation Commercial museum and Mr. Manindra Nath Nandi a former Secretary of Subhas Ch. Bose. This Manindra Babu has got an asst. who is an ex-convict and nephew of Jnananjan Neogy. The Company has lodged the propaganda "Why you are all following Bismarck he is a Gort. man, you should follow man like Jnananjan Neogy, Manindra Nath Nandi who has nice references. After recognising the union the Company has appointed these officers and from this appointment the mentality of the Company is naked, for such malicious propaganda the workers has boycotted these officers.

Now the recent mischief of the Company is this, - In Panipati Branch of the Company is producing war materials (surgical dressings). The workers are producing huge quantity per day, but the officers entering the figures in the Day & ledger books much more less than are produced.

The supervisor of the workers write in the Job Book how many quantities the workers has produced that day. The materials along with the Job Book goes to the stores, The Stores officer checks the figures and signs on the page and sends the Carbon copy to the Accts Dept for entry in the Day & ledger Books. But the officers enter less and tears off the Carbon copy.

In Surgical Cotton Dept: The workers enter the figure of production in their own book and leaves the book and production

P.T.O.

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R/N No. 35862  
Dated 12.9.41.

SPECIAL BRANCH, CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1941

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SECRETARY AT THE HEAD OFFICE

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

REF NO.

To, The Dy. Commissioner of Police,  
Special Branch, Calcutta.

Sir, I have the honour to lay the following few lines before you for your kind consideration & favourable order.

That Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works Ltd Head Office at Manikbala main Road, Calcutta has received huge orders of war materials. My allegation is this the Govt is not getting full benefit of war production. A good portion of them are sold privately. This mischief was caught by the workers who are organised by me under white union against the union which was organised by the Company and was indirectly controlled by the advice of Mr. Mrinal Kanti Bose & others from a long time. The workers of Bengal Chemical in their open General meeting have expressed their views that they have full faith on the Govt. and will produce war materials in full speed.

But I am confident that the Company wants that the workers amongst the workers should prevail for which they will not be able to give their full labour for the output. Such as:-

In machine shop Sept where "Fire King" are being made (a most important war production order) the Company tried several times to create severe unrest there.

(1) Banamali Mahanti of that Sept received a telegram that his wife is seriously ill and asked him to start at once. The Company denied to grant him leave. When Banamali realised he will not get leave he resigned and with his bags & baggages wanted to go out but he was detained at the gate by the order of the Company. Banamali went on hunger strike. As a result the whole of the work shop wanted to go on strike. I personally interfered and seeing the situation managed to persuade Banamali to take food and the workers to go on with their work smoothly as the war production will be hampered.

The manager appointed time to discuss with me the case of Banamali, but did not turn up in time, came after factory area

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hours. He did not discuss the matter with a plea factory Supdt. is absent.

Next morning the case was discussed, and the manager had to agree that Banamali should get leave. The Chief Engineer then said that Banamali has not gave his daily attendance, for this he thought that was a break of discipline. I said "if you think so he will ask for an apology." The Manager then in our presence ordered the Chief Engineer to grant leave from that day. But the leave was not granted.

Next day I went to the Board of Directors and Labour Commissioner and on their intervention the leave was granted. But the Company gave 3 men with Banamali to go to his native village to ascertain the truth. They found Banamali's wife lying seriously ill.

After a few weeks after this incident Susil Kumar Gupta a nephew of the Chief Engineer and an officer, with his staff excited the labourers to write to the factory Supdt. & the union that they demand overtime for extra work, or they will go on strike. Susil Babu's boys went round the workers and forced about 200<sup>two</sup> hundred workers to sign. They are all temporary men.

For this hot excitement was noticed amongst the workers & there was an exchange of blows and the union people seized the papers from the Company's men. I personally handed over the torn papers to the manager who took no action against the culprits.

The workers then expressed that any man who ever he might be will try to excite them to hamper war production will be severely assaulted. Now the Chief Engineer seems to be silent.

In pharmacy Dept:- Where war materials are packed the roof of that room was broken and during rains the materials packed by the workers are spoiled and the workers are not paid for this spoil of work. I made several requests to repair the roof, but the manager has not repaired. One day heavy production was made and at late hours heavy rain came & spoiled the day's output. The workers grew angry and said the manager he must repair the roof or they will report the matter to the Military authorities. The room has now repaired.

P.T.O.



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DC.

Sir,

I have discussed the matter with the 1962 Labour Commissioner. He said that he would like to talk to the Honorable Labour Minister - to ascertain the position of N. T. P. in the White Union at present. He would also interview the Manager (Mr. Lohani) of Bengal Chemical and try to get the truth quickly about the war production.

He would then decide the line of action. He asked for a copy of the petition.

Yours,  
C. B. S. S. S.  
18. 9. 41.

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pl. type a copy of the attached petition.

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J. C. S. B.

Herewith a copy of the  
petition. (35)

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One copy has been made for  
Ant. L. Com. by me on 19.9.41

F.R. Sublet

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e sufferings of the Hindus  
appeal for help. Ashit Ghose  
d at Rs. 30/-, 50 daos at  
er of half arms and half pants.

o para: 48).

Dacca, the 6th May.

crimes in the city of Dacca.

rghar in Sankharibazar defiled  
slim Sub-Inspector, Conch bangle  
ndu lady broken and a baby snat-  
away from the arms of his mother  
hrown on the floor of the house  
Police Officer.(Muslim).

ow's head was found in Gopal's  
e at South Maisundi in the morn-  
A Mo em wearing double lungis  
hand, was arrested near

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Re: Petition of N.J. Borman President of the  
Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union - p. 33-31.

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The Asst. Labour Commissioner had sent for  
Mr. S.L. Sen, the Superintendent of B.C.P.W.  
and talked to him on the subject last July.

Mr. S.L. Sen explained that the war materials  
were produced quite according to the scheduled  
order of the Govt and supplied regularly and  
correctly. None of the articles were sold to any  
private party. It so happened that one Boren Sen  
a job clerk whose duty was to make  
statements & accounts of the articles furnished - used  
to make two statements. In one of these  
statements he used to show correct  
figures of production and the same was sent to  
Govt. In the duplicate copy he used to  
increase the figures - in order to draw  
more wages for the workers. This illegal act  
was however ~~detected~~ detected by the Company  
& then Boren Sen & 2 other workers were  
dismissed by the Company.

Asst. Labour Commr also advised the Sen to  
look into the legitimate grievances of the workers.

Asst. Labour Commissioner does not advise any further action at present in view of the explanation given by Mr. S. C. Sen and also as no complaints have been received from the Supply Dept.

Report about the appointment of Jaisankar Neogi and Karindra Nandi by the Company has been previously submitted by me - page 31-29 file no 844/40 (A).

N. J. Sen is trying for the reinstatement of Biran Sen & other workers.

C. J. Sen

in press

20/11/41



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156. Strike in the Bencal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, 168, Manicktolla Main Road.

O.R. 46771.

27.11.41.

Manikanta Das Gupta for careless work, 500 workers of the Packing, Despatch and P.M. Departments went on a "stay-in" strike on 25.11.41. On the intervention of Nabajyoti Parman on 25.11.41 the strikers resumed work on the assurance that the management would hold a proper enquiry into

the matter. Mani Kanta accepted the order of dismissal pending the enquiry.

The departments engaged in war production were not affected.

About 100 workers of the Despatch Department refused the Puja bonus and demanded more. The management is looking into this matter as well.

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TRADE UNIONS: 8-12-41.

40. Bengal Chemical Majdur Union.

M.R. 46290  
8-12-41

At a meeting (300) held on 6-12-41 at Kakur-  
gachi Park under the presidentialhip of Naba Jyoti Burma  
the speakers ventilated the grievances of the workers  
and deprecated the callous attitude and inconsistent  
policy of the Company. They also urged unity among  
the men for the peaceful  
realization of their legiti-  
mate demands for which, as  
Mon Mohan Day held, it was  
not illegal even to go on

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\*President, J  
Dhirendra Nath Chatterji,  
Nikunja Mohan Banerji, C.  
Rajon Sen, Secretary.  
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strike.

A resolution was adopted (1) demanding a general  
increase in wages and war bonus, the abolition of the  
practice of late-search, provident fund facilities, one  
month's sick leave with pay, security of service, one  
month's privilege leave, registration of the provident  
fund and accommodation and subsidy for the union, (2)  
urging the transfer of some employees viz. Kulendu  
Chakravarti, Abanindro Banerji, Nityananda Pal and Rab  
Rai who were alleged to have been oppressing the members  
of the union, and (3) thanking the management for allow-  
ing the union representatives to enquire into the case  
of Mani Das Gupta.

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TRADES UNIONS: 2-1-42.

4. Bengal Chemical Maidoor Union.

O.R.80  
2-1-42

There is some unrest among the labourers of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical works as the management have taken disciplinary action against Sachin Ghosh, an employee of the filling and sealing Department, who is an Assistant Secretary of the Union. He has been charged with having violated standing orders of the works by deliberately interfering with factory hands on 19-12-41 during working hours.

Nabajyoti Burman regards this as a move to cripple the union. To check the alleged highhandedness, the Union is contemplating giving an ultimatum to the Company.

5. Dant...

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Strike Report from Calcutta Police, Special  
Branch.

1. Name of concern and locality; *Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical works Ltd, 168 Benihala Main Road*
2. Full complement of workers in the concern. *- About 3000*
3. Number of workers involved-
- (a). Directly (i.e. number of actual strikers); *500 approximately.*
- (b). Indirectly (i.e. persons thrown out of employment due to the strike). *Nil*
4. Date when the dispute-
- (a). Began; *25.11.41 at 3 Pm.*
- (b). Ended; *26.11.41 at 10/30 Pm.*
5. Cause or object of dispute, and specific demands, if any; *Protest against the dismissal of one worker Mani Kanta Das Gupta.*
6. Result of the dispute (i.e. whether successful, partially successful or failure.) *He was dismissed on 25/11/41 at 2 Pm. for putting wrong labels on a phial.*
7. If a settlement is reached.
- (a). Whether by negotiation between the parties, or by mediation or arbitration by private individuals or by Government; *By negotiation. Between the joint manager & Supdt of B.C.P.W. and the President (N.S. Bhowmik) of the B.C.P. workers' Raydon Union. The dismissed man has not been reinstated. The Supdt agreed to make shipping enquiries re matter.*
- (b). Terms of settlement.
8. Particulars of prosecutions, if any.
9. Brief narrative of events.

*No 45771/SW 844/40 & 29/11/41.*

*Copy to L.S.*

MS;

*29.11.41.*

*C. Bhowmik*

*26/11/41*

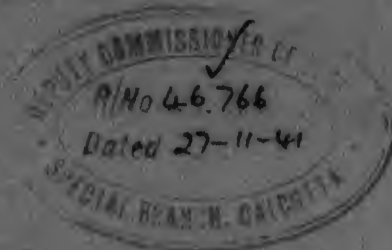


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**Bengal Chemical &  
Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd.**

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Codes used :—A. B. C. Fifth & Sixth Editions  
Telephone No. B. B. 6701

164, Maniktala Main Road, Calcutta.

Ref:



26th. November, 1941.

J.V.B. Janvrin, Esqr., I.P.  
Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Special Branch,  
14, Lord Sinha Road,  
Calcutta.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the Circular Letter No. 0378C dated the 9th July, 1941 of the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, we beg to bring to your kind notice that there was a stay-in-strike by the Members of the Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union yesterday afternoon (from 3 P.M., 25th November, 1941). No intimation was given to us as regards the reason of such a step but we presume this was due to the discharge of a Packer for mislabelling, who also happened to be a Member of the Union. This morning also, they were on strike upto 11-45 A.M. after which they have resumed work being requested by the President of the Union Mr. N. J. Burman. We shall inform you if anything further happens. This is in confirmation of our telephonic intimation of this morning to you.

Yours faithfully,

D. J. H.

SB.

Bengal Chemical &  
Pharmaceutical Works Ltd.

SW 8741

28th November, 1941.

J.V.B. Javaria, Esqr., I.P.  
Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Special Branch,  
14, Lord Street Road,  
Calcutta.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to the Circular Letter No. 03780 dated the 25th July, 1941 of the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, we beg to bring to your kind notice that there was a stay-in-strike by the Members of the Bengal Chemical Warehouse Union yesterday afternoon (from 3 P.M., 28th November, 1941). No intimation was given to us as regards the reason of such a step but we presume this was due to the discharge of a Packer for misbehaving, who also happened to be a Member of the Union. This morning also, they were on strike upto 11-45 A.M. after which they have resumed work being requested by the President of the Union Mr. N. J. Burman. We shall inform you if anything further happens. This is in confirmation of our telephonic intimation of this morning to you.

Yours faithfully,

SB.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Hour of receipt by Dy. Commr. \_\_\_\_\_

Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D.  
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CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

of D. D. Calcutta, dated \_\_\_\_\_ 19

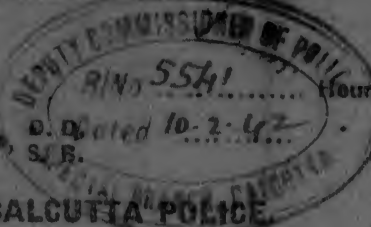
Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p>It was further learnt that he is in seery of B. E. Hajdoss' union, located at 17, canal west Rd. Bellia- ghatta.</p> <p>Submitted Reviewed 10/2.</p>	

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Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, S. B.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Hour of receipt by Dy. Commr.

D. D.  
S. B.

CALCUTTA POLICE

From Inspector

of D. D. S. B. Calcutta, dated

10th Feb.

1942

Date and hour.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
10th Feb. 6.50/1	D. D. 3.2.42

Re: Monmohan De,  
of P. C. P. Works, Main Road,  
Main Road.

On enquiry from  
the factory supt. the  
following particulars were  
ascertained -

Monmohan De  
S/o. Dr. G. Bhuvan Mohan  
De, of vill. Ranamati;  
P. O. P. S. Ghalakati;  
Dist. Barisal, and  
of 55, Simla Road, Calcutta.

Aged about 27 years.  
An employee of the  
above factory drawing  
a pay of RS 27/- per  
month. His Ticket No.  
is 5-86.

Submitted

*[Signature]*  
S. B. S.  
10/2/42

At

was my wife.  
*[Signature]*  
10/2/42

Refusal with  
reference to the S. B.  
requisition below.  
He may send a copy  
of the officer's report  
to S. B. in  
reply.

An endorsement  
submitted below.

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was my wife  
particulars of Monmohan De, S/o. of the  
Supt. Chem. Majdoor Union.

*[Signature]*  
10/2/42

*[Signature]*  
12/2/42



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Please see SB registration below.  
We may supply particulars.

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Dr. D. D. Muller

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Dr. Muller my supply

or supply 5 per cent. in favor

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TRADES UNIONS: 19-1-42.

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O.R. 2386  
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*Copy of order passed  
on C.R.S. of S.S. on  
19.1.42.*

*" Please write to  
S.S. for particulars  
of Manomohan Rao  
27 P.C.M.*

*To S.S. for  
favour of a report  
please.  
27-12*

*S.S. III SB  
a copy of  
my official report  
is placed below  
of S.S.*

126. Benzal Chemical Maidoor Union (White).

Mono Mohan De, the Secretary of the Union forwarded copies of resolutions on the war emergency demands of the workers, to the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Company on 12-1-42. These resolutions were said to have been adopted at a meeting of the Executive Committee on 8-1-42. Demands:- (1) Building of enough A.R.P. shelters for accommodating all the workmen present in the factory at the time of actual air-raids. (2) Life Insurance for the workers - the sum assured to be equivalent to the sum total of six years' wages of the worker and the premium to be paid by the Company. (3) Two months wages in advance, (4) a 20% increment in wages, (5) arrangements for the housing, food and treatment of air-raid victims, (6) compensation (at least 25 times of the monthly wages) - for the workers disabled by the air-raids.

N.J. Burman - the president, wrote to the Manager of the Company on 13-1-42 demanding a settlement within 7 days failing which the workers might leave the workshop. The Manager interprets this as a threat to cause strike. The matter has been brought to the notice of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, who is now making enquiries. N.J. Burman is inclined to abide by the decisions of the Assistant Labour Commissioner, provided the genuine grievances are redressed.

TRADES UNIONS: 27.1.42.

OR.3443  
27.1. 42

185. Unrest in the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical  
Works.

In continuation of para 173: The discontented elements, mentioned before, have circulated a printed leaflet in Bengali stating that if the Management do not meet their demands by 26.1.42, they will leave on 30.1.42 on the expiry of fifteen day's notice on 29.1.42 which they already filed with the Tribunal.

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TRADES UNIONS - 26.1.42.

173. Unrest in the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works.

ORs.3255,3281  
26. 1. 42.

According to Nabajyoti Burman of the Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union, the workers generally are impressed by the sympathetic attitude taken by the Assistant Labour Commissioner who enquired into the dispute. But Parimal De, Indra Mistri and Annada (Electrician) of the Machine Shop who are opposed to Burman's union, are making endeavours to foment a strike in this section by 27.1.42. They have already sent an ultimatum with seventeen \*signatories on 22.1.42 to the management demanding the fulfilment by 26.1.42 of their demands for a twenty-five per cent increase in wages and war bonus. Thereafter they will try their luck in other quarters as it will not serve their interest to continue in this place. The situation is being watched.

Parimal De, C.  
Indra Ch. Pramanik, C.  
Purna Ch. Ghosh, C.  
Nanda Lal Das, C.  
Siddeswar Adhikari, C.  
Manmatha Mandal, C.  
Sashi Bhushan Das, C.  
Akrur Ch. Santra, C.  
Abdul Samad, C.  
Mahabeb Mandal, C.  
Abdul Rahaman, C.  
Abdul Jalil, C.  
Abdul Sayed, C.  
Muktaram Ghosh, C.  
Krishna Charan Mandal, C.  
Lakshmi Narain Das, C.  
Panchanan Rai, C.

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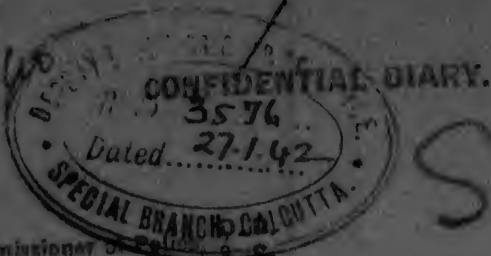
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S. B. Calcutta, dated \_\_\_\_\_

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	<p>3) Purna Chandra Ghose Sp Late Mukteram Ghose. is U. Tania D.S. Rajar hut. St. 24 Paraganas.</p> <p>The further list is being submitted.</p> <p>Submitted A.C.(II) S. B. <i>As</i> 27/11</p>	<p>no info with parties <i>as</i> 27/11</p> <p><i>f.R.</i></p> <p><i>As</i> 27/11</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> S. S. B. 26/11</p>

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From Inspector A

D.D. Calcutta, dated 26.1.42 1942  
of S. B.

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Re. Apprehended strike at  
B.C. P.W.

W.D.  
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The following is  
the particulars of some  
of the suspected agitators

Other  
Reference these  
same stone  
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- 1) Indra Chandra Paramanik.  
S/o Late Churaman Paramanik.  
27, Bahirsurah Road, Cal.  
L. vill. Rani Gopalswami.  
P.S. Banskhura  
St. Midnapore.

no ref

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- 2) Abdul Pyed  
S/o Md. Shimmuddin  
121, Baithak-chana Road, Cal.  
L. vill. Kunda  
P.S. Narabgunj  
St. Dacca.

no ref

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From Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

of D. D. Calcutta, dated \_\_\_\_\_ 19

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p>S/o Late Krishna Charan Das; of 13/1, Jamini Kabinaj Row, Shyam Nagar, Calcutta.</p> <p>Calcutta born -</p> <p>Aged about 29 years; was appointed at Beecham Shop in 1936, and now draws a monthly key of Rs 21/- only.</p> <p>The above mentioned workers are said to be <sup>very</sup> strong active in fomenting strike and disturbances.</p> <p>Submitted VC Ahmed 30.1.42.</p>	



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of D. D. Calcutta, dated 29th Jan 1962

Date and  
hour.

Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks  
and Orders.

29/1 Re: - Paimal Chandra  
by + Ananda Mishra  
of B.C.P. works Ltd.  
168, Main Market, New Rd.

The following are the  
particulars now ascertained  
on enquiring at B.C.  
works Ltd. -

(1) Paimal Chandra <sup>works attached</sup>  
by 1/1. <sup>of</sup> ~~date~~ Sri Chandra  
by of vill - Jogachi,  
Bhikampur. Saccs.  
and of 18, Kedar Basu  
Lane, Bhowanipore, Calcutta  
of Chinnay Day.

Aged about 32 years;  
appointed in 1931. at  
Machine Shop and now  
draws a pay of Rs 19/- only  
per month.

(2) Ananda Mishra, work.  
is Ananda Charan Das;

SECRET

Copy of a Calcutta Special Branch officer's report dated 7.2.42 re: strike at the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd., 164, Maniktolla Main Road, Belliaghata, Calcutta.

....

The strike of the machine shop workers continues as usual.

The number of attendances in other departments is about 500 today.

The loyal and willing hands did not join their work due to the panic of being molested on the way to the factory by the strikers.

This morning the strikers threw stones, mud and cow dung on the buses carrying employees of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Ltd., on Maniktolla Main Road inspite of Police constables' patrol on these areas. The strikers collected in numbers behind the huts and on open plots of land on either sides of Maniktolla Main Road from where they threw stones, etc. and ran away in the bustees and gardens.

As a result of this trouble several workers and buses sustained injuries and damage of window glasses respectively.

No arrest could be made by the local Police. The Factory Superintendent is contemplating to close the factory for which he would ask the approval of the Directors.

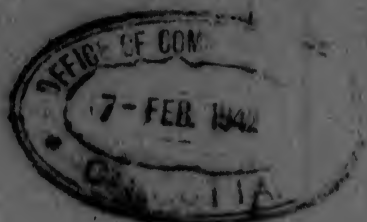
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*Immediate* Memo.No. 0829 dated 7.2.42.

Forwarded to Khan Bahadur Muhammad Ismail, J.P., Deputy Commissioner of Police, North District, Calcutta, for information and necessary action.

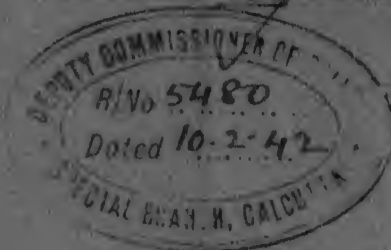
*[Signature]*  
Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Special Branch, Calcutta.

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N. J. BURMAN, B.A. (HURON U.S.A.)  
GENERAL SECRETARY:  
T. RAMWAYS EMPLOYEES' ASSN.  
EDITOR:  
BRAMIK (BENGALI WEEKLY)  
PRESIDENT:  
SHOP ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION OF BENGAL.  
PRESIDENT:  
BENGAL CHEMICAL MAZDOOR UNION.



PHONE : SOUTH 532  
488-1, SOUTHERN AVENUE,

CALCUTTA 6th. February, 1942.



To

The Labour Commissioner,  
Government of Bengal.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to state that you are aware that the Machine Shop Department of the Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceutical Works went on strike from Friday the 30th. January last.

The Union intervened and brought some ring-leaders of that department to the Labour Commissioner's office when they are nicely advised by the A.L.C. and he asked the labourers of that department to join their work from Monday the 2nd. February and also assured them that he will try his utmost to fulfill their legitimate demands at an earliest possible date. Here over in a Labourers meeting on the 2nd. February last the A.L.C. very kindly took troubles to go in the meeting and explain them how to run a Union and how to get demands constitutionally.

But some wicked ring-leaders (Parimal Das, Ananda Ch. Das, Saadali Mistry) defied the Union and A.L.C's request, hosted the temporary workers who are employed for a couple of months and they are intimidating the Loyal Workers with Lathis, Knives when they are going to join their works.

Now, what I want to place before you is this :-

On my request the Union Members more than 80% of the labourers (including temporary workers who are not the members of the union) wanted to join their work and on Monday as there was no picketting except Machine Shop Dept. the workers of other departments joined their respective works, but from Tuesday the above named wicked workers of machine shop dept. has engaged some outside goondas and some goondas selected from temporary workers are intimidating the workers with Knives Lathies and brick bats.

I have informed the Officer-in-duty, Belaghata P.S. several times who has said he is unable to send any more police there. If we fail to give protection to those who are willing to join the work how can we ask them to join their work? Only for a few "Bad-mashes" the whole factory will be closed, this cannot be tolerated.

I pray to you to arrange for adequate police arrangements at the spot to give protection to those loyal workers and earnestly request you to take drastic action against the pickettors.

I hope you will very kindly do the needful for which I shall remain ever grateful.

Copy to Police Commissioner, Calcutta.

Chairman, National Service Labour Tribunal,  
Directorate of Supply, Calcutta Range.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours obediently

N. J. Burman  
President

BENGAL CHEMICAL MAZDOOR UNION.



Copy.

17th. February, 1942.

To  
The Labour Commissioner,  
Government of Bengal.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter dated the 6th. February 1942, I have the honour to remind you of what I explained to you on the 9th. February last in presence of Deputy Commissioner of Police N. Calcutta. If I am not mistaken I said "Please take charge of Pickettors and I will take charge of attendance." After this the D.C. of Police North. Cal. gave an order accordingly and assured me in your presence that Police will take charge of Pickettors and ordered the O.C. Bellaghata P.S. to arrange for 40 Constables and four Jamadars to control the situation.

But for reason better known to you, your goodness not only recognised the pickettors by asking them to send their four representatives but also ignored the Union by failing to mention the Union then. The management of the Company said "The representative of the Union must be invited as the Union is a recognised body and has much hold over the employees." However, you allowed two representatives from the Union to be present in the Conference.

On the 14th. last when the Conference met, there was discussions when the question of War Bonus was recommended, but not the pay for the strike period. If I remembered right I said "The Union can not and should not encourage goondaism, the pickettors obstructed the loyal workers with physical force, who then sought your help, which you declined, as such you are morally liable for the payment of wages for the strike period." One of the representative of the pickettors then said "All the workers went on strike and no picketting was made." If I am not wrong I said "Please look into the attendance of 2nd. February Monday which will show the number of workers actually attended after the assurance given by the A.L.C. to the Union as there was no picketting." Now, the pickettors instigating the workers not to accept payment due. They also said that their action was approved by the Labour Commissioner and if they create some troubles the Company would be compelled to grant an increment of 25%, and wages for the strike period. They show their last action did earn War Bonus which is actually not.

I, on behalf of the Union, have already advised the workers - members of the Union - not to resort to goondaism and to accept wages due, but I have every apprehension that those people who perpetuated goondaism might create serious troubles, even free fight or the like which will seriously stumpe the production including war materials.

Lastly I am to assert that I wash my hands of the affair as you did neither pay any heed to my solicitations nor recognised my Union,

Thanking you.

Copy to Hon. Chief Minister, Government of Bengal.  
Commissioner of Police, Calcutta.

Yours obediently,  
Sd. N. J. Burman.  
President.



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<sup>1.</sup> Parimal De. Ananda Mistry, <sup>3.</sup> Sayed Ali, are be-  
lieved to be the ring-leaders.

(NOTE : Copy of the letter secured).

TRADES UNIONS, 19. 2. 42.

134. Bengal Chemical Majdoor Union.

O.R. 5778.  
19. 2. 42.

In continuation of para. 85 : N.J. Burman, the President of the Union addressed a letter on 17.2.42 to the Labour Commissioner intimating him that the Union was dissatisfied because in the matter of taking representatives in the Conciliation Board, the addressee had ignored the Union, and on the other hand recognised the strikers (not attached to the Union) who resorted to picketing as against constitutional methods.

Burman stated further that the men who struck work were now instigating the workers not to accept wages. the payment of which started on 17.2.42 and the willing workers apprehended trouble at the hands of those men who declared that their action had been approved by the Labour Commissioner and their present step would compel the Company to grant them 25% increment as also wages during the strike period.

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Secret.

Statement of a Secret agent dated 29/6/42.

Bengal Chemical Majdur Union.

The attitude of the strikers of the Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works is becoming violent. Pickets of volunteers are posted all round the place to prevent loyal workers, especially the clerks, from joining the factory and office. They are even pulling the men out of the buses. Nabajyoti Barman personally supervised picketing on the morning of 29/6/42. It is understood that the strikers would threaten and insult the officials of the company and even throw mud and cow-dung on their person. The strikers somehow managed to send away the constables from their posts to facilitate their picketing.

Memo No. S.W.844/40 dated the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1942.

Copy forwarded to:- Khan Bahadur Md. Ismail, J.P.,  
Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
North District,

for information.

*Sd/- J. B. Bhattacharya*  
Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
Special Branch - Calcutta.

MJL.

S.W. 844/40 - (Copy kept in File S.W. 844/40A).

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Secret.

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29/6/42.

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Sd/- Jnandas Dutt.

Inspector S.B., 30/6/42.

Memo No. S.W.844/40 dated the 30th June, 1942.

Copy forwarded to:- D.C., North,  
for information.

Sd/- J.B.B.  
Addl. Deputy Commr. of Police,  
Special Branch - Calcutta.

MJL.



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D. D. S. B.

## CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector

J. A. Mullick.

of S. B. Calcutta, dated

28<sup>th</sup> July

1942

Date and hour.

Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.

Re. Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union, Manicktolla.

The annual general meeting of the Beng. Chemical Mazdoor Union is going to be held in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August next, when some trouble about the election of the president is apprehended. Attempt is being made by some of the labour leaders Parimal Das, Sachin Ghose, Shirendra Lal Chakraborty & others of the factory to elect Rudhin Paremanian as their president in place of Nabojyoti Burman as whom they have lost their faith. The above leaders with others are trying to have their own men as committee members.

*[Signature]*  
J. G. S. B.  
28/7/42





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## CALCUTTA POLICE.

Sub *Sub*  
From Inspector *S. R. Mullick*of ~~S. D.~~ Calcutta, dated *4<sup>th</sup>* September 1942Date and  
hour.

Diary.

Dy. Commissioner's Remarks  
and Orders.

P. W. 844/40

Re. Election of president of  
Beng. Chemical Mazdoor Union.The <sup>date of the</sup> general election of the  
Union has not yet been fixed.

F. E. continues.

Submitted

*Mullick*  
4/9



*Original in File C.M. 57942A*

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Copy of a Calcutta Police Special Branch Officer's report dated 25th September, 1942.

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*SW 844/100*

I saw Jagadindra Nath Lahiri, the Manager and S. Sen the Superintendent of Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works and it was learnt that no attempt was made from outside to create a lock-out in the factory.

About a month ago, the authorities received some objectionable leaflets (Congress) to close down the factory etc. (the copies of which I had already submitted) but since then they had not received any. Neither the workers nor the Management are in favour of any strike. The work is going on peacefully and there is no apprehension of any lock-out or strike at present.

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CALCUTTA POLICE.

Sub  
From Inspector

N. Mullick

D. D. Calcutta, dated 22nd October 1946

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
	<p>P. W. 844/46.</p> <p>Re. Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union</p> <p>The date of General Election has not yet been fixed. This is most probably being delayed owing to the arrest of Nabajyoti Boseman then president.</p> <p>7. E. card.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> S. D. B. 2/x</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>for for 27/10</p> <p>S. D. B.</p> <p>6x. <i>[Signature]</i></p>

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S. B. Calcutta, dated

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R/m. 43313 S. 8/2/42.

Re. General Election of Beng.  
Chemical Mazdoor Union.

During the absence of  
Nabagjoti Bhattacharya, the president  
 of the Union (who is under  
 arrest), Nikhil Banerjee,  
 the vice-president of the Union  
 is acting as president. Manishan  
 the Secy of the Union says  
 that the General Election will  
 not be held before the Puja.

Submitted.

*[Signature]*  
 7/2

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Rule no 9.

Annual General meeting.

Every year as soon after the 31st March as possible there shall be held a meeting of the general body of members of the Union, to be called the Annual General meeting. The quorum for this meeting shall be 25% of the total number of members of the union for the time being. The meetings shall dispose of all matters affecting the general body of members, including:-

- (a). amendment, variation and rescission of the rules,
- (b). appointment of officers and removal of officers found incompetent or guilty of corrupt practices or anti-union activities, and
- (c). formulation of the policy and programme of the union.



*URGENT*  
**Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union**

Ref. No. *SB*



19, CANNAL WEST ROAD,  
2 Jaggodyan Lane  
Calcutta 18. 11. 1942.

*2/20*  
The Police-Commissioner,  
Calcutta.

51961  
21.11.42

I beg to inform you that, according to the trade union Rule no 9, we wish to hold our Annual General Meeting for the year 1941-1942 on the 28th November 1942 at 7 P.M. at Mahabodhi Society Hall, College Square.

We further beg to inform you that, on other previous occasions, your honour gave us the kind permission to hold the meetings. We are strict not to discuss any political affairs.

We hope you will kindly give us the permission for the same & oblige.

*Ac?*

Perusal.

Permission was last granted to this Union to hold the Annual General Meeting - vide papers flagged in File No. 244/440 linked below for orders.

*1/28*  
I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant  
Manomohan De.

Secy,

Bengal Chemical Mazdoor Union  
2 Jaggodyan Lane, Calcutta

*24/11*  
Noted  
24/11

*24/11*  
No objection. Same  
point & inform  
concerned? *24/11*

*24/11*  
24/11

To, The Secy. Bengal Chemical Merchants Union  
No. 2, Tagore Lane, Calcutta  
Dear Sir,

No. 57961 of 24/11/42  
S.V. 844/40

Reference your letter No. ....  
dated. ...., I write to say that

there is no objection to your holding the proposed Annual General Meeting for the year 1941-42 at the Mahabadi Society Hall, College Square on 28.11.42 at 7 pm.

I would, however, ask you and the promoters of the meeting to see that nothing unusual or provocative is said or done which may affect public order and tranquility.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. Chatterjee  
Commissioner of Police,  
Calcutta. 24/11

Copy forwarded to D.C. & 24/11/42  
for information necessary action.

J. B. Chatterjee  
Addl. S.C. S.B.  
23.11.42. 24/11

✓ Dashu Bahu  
To please note.  
24/11.

## 1. Bio-Lab.

1. Monomohan Day
2. Shireen Chatterjee
3. N. Banerji
4. Ganes Chakravarty
5. Poresk Pat.
6. Ranpada Sinha
7. Unash Day
8. Somrajit Basu
9. Purva Chakravarty

W. W  
 4/4  
 12/11  
 22/11  
 20/11

## 2. Pharmacy.

1. Khagan Das.
2. Profulla Basu
3. Nanda Karanator.
4. Son Toru Basu
5. Kalides Khasrabish.
6. Bhakari Patra
7. Ajit Makurji
8. Jiten Chatterji
9. Rashany Dasgupta.
10. Barn Kurni
11. Jatin Ghosh.
12. Makhan Das.

## 4. M. Shop.

1. Upen Makurji
2. Golam Rasul.
3. Anada Das
4. Jatin Das Das
5. Abdul Syed
6. Paulham Karanator.
7. Gopal Ch. Sharma
8. Ramch Ch. Sil.
9. Bhupendra Dasgupta.

## 3. Press.

1. Purnendu B. Das.
2. Md Mahul

## 5. Chemical.

1. Rajit Ghosh.
2. Harekrishna Shoa.

Panitah

1. Ali Azam.
2. ~~Das~~ Hatemali
3. Abdul Rahman.
4. Benkim Routh.
5. Harendra Moh Das.
6. Hoshani

7. Satish Ch. Bose.
8. Tarapada Das.
9. Debiprasad Ghosh.
10. Ramch Ch. Das.

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	<p>Upper Murshidabad &amp; Bankura Panch.</p> <p>Treasurer - Kalidas Khosla.</p> <p>The list of the election committee members is appended below.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9/5 P.M.</p> <p>Submitted</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> 28/4/41</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> 28/4/41</p>



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resolved to send a memorial  
to the Govt. of Bengal to  
release their president as they  
all knew that he had no  
political connection. They all  
should be united and try  
to increase the number  
of members of their Union.

The following were  
the officers elected  
for the current year:—

President—Prof. Humayun Kamil  
(not present at the meeting)

Vice-presidents:—

Man Mohan De

Trilunga Mohan Banerjee

Palish Chandrase Bose

Secy.—Shivendra Lal Chatterjee

Asst. Secy.—Santosh Bose

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Legendra Das Sharma  
protested the speech of Paragjit  
Lohari and said that there  
should not be called an  
outside as he was connected  
with the factory for a pretty  
long time.

Resolutions were  
adopted demanding the  
re-instatement of Bhirendra  
Chatterjee, Parimal Das, 3 moham-  
medan workers of the machine  
Shop Dept., and 3 workers of  
the Chemical dept., 2) demand of  
Punjab Bonus for Sachin Kundra  
and Motilal Chatterjee (3)  
demand of an increase of bar  
bonus for P. of P. head and  
4) a general increment.

The president informed  
the audience that the president  
Naboyyoti Basu has  
been arrested. They all agreed.

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their Pujah Bonus. The  
reasonable grounds for all these  
punishments are not known.  
They should have all their  
demands fulfilled through  
their union. They should also  
try to have their war Bonus  
increased.

Ranajit Lahiri said that  
in electing their Secretary,  
they should be very careful  
in electing a proper person.  
Their challenge was to move  
more in their factory and  
so it was not desirable that  
an outsider be elected in  
this office and as it would  
not be possible for him  
to make himself acquainted  
with the difficulties of  
the work which might happen  
inside the factory.

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and Orders.

Shivendra Lal Chatterjee  
said that he and Parnel  
he had been dismissed. The  
authorities were trying to  
bring ill fame on the Union.  
and were not behaving well  
with the workers. The policy  
of running the factory was  
faulty. The gate-search  
system which was recently  
introduced was faulty should  
be stopped as it was  
insulting for the workers.  
The Union should be  
responsible for any theft of  
any articles by their members.  
Amizuddin, Khurshed and Abdul  
of the Machine Shop Dept.  
had been dismissed for stealing  
themselves for their work  
for three days only. Some of  
the workers were deprived of

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acquainted them with the annual Balance Sheet of the Union. At the pressure of the Union, the Coy. had improved its system of grant of them the War Bonus to certain extent. He condemned the gate search system which had recently been introduced by the authorities owing to some theft in the factory for which the workers were not at all liable responsible. This strike in July last ended in success. Shiradrol Chatterjee, Parimala, 3 mohammedan workers of the machine shop dept and some workers of the chemical dept had recently been dismissed without any reasonable ground.

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Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.

General Election meeting  
of the Bengal Chemical Mazdur  
Union at Mahabodhi Society  
Hall, College St. on 28.11.42.

Under the presidency  
of Bikunja Mohan Banerjee,  
the General Election meeting of  
the Bengal Chemical Mazdur  
Union was started at the  
Mahabodhi Society Hall at  
7/15 P.M. on 28.11.42. with an  
audience of about 250  
workers of Manicktolla and  
Pantoli branches of Bengal  
Chemical and Pharmaceutical  
works Ltd.

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read out the annual report  
of their union and also

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The General Election  
meeting of the  
Mazdur Union. Some  
other workers & ex. members  
were elected and  
some demands were  
formulated after  
discussing the programme.

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Bengal Chemical Workers Union

At the annual general meeting (250) of the BCUW workers of Kanichakla and Panchari held on 20.4.42 at the Mahabadi Society Hall under the presidency of Nityanjan Mohan Banerji, the speakers ventilated the grievances of the workers, particularly the dismissal of a number of them. Monmohan Banerji referred to the success of the last strike in July (1941) and faulted the working of the Gate Search system by the factory authorities. Phirandra Lal Chatterji (dismissed employee) urged the workers to make efforts to have an increase in the war bonus. Rajit Lahiri also opposed the election of Phirandra Lal Chatterji as Secretary of the Union as he is no more in the Co., while Rajendra Ban Sharma protested against Rajit Lahiri's remarks.

Present -  
 J. K. Banerji,  
 Phirandra Lal Chatterji,  
 Rajit Lahiri,  
 Rajendra Ban Sharma,

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~~Resolution was passed~~ that their president Nityanjan Mohan Banerji, who was in prison, for whom they resolved to address a memorial to H.E. the Governor of Bengal, as they were aware that Nityanjan had no political conviction. Resolution was passed regarding the reinstatement of Phirandra Lal Chatterji, Parimal Day, Aniruddha, Ashutosh, Khurshed and other dismissed labourers, the grant of a gratuity bonus for Sachin Rudra and Matilal Chatterji, a general increment, and an enhanced war bonus of Rs 107 per head.

- President - Prof. Nityanjan Mohan Banerji, <sup>xx</sup> Office-bearers were elected for the current year.
- Vice-presidents - Monmohan Banerji,  
 Nityanjan Mohan Banerji,  
 Sachin Chandra Banerji
- Secretary - Phirandra Lal Chatterji (dismissed worker)
- Joint Secretaries - Sachin Ghosh,  
 Santosh Banerji, Rajendra Ban Sharma, Upa Ghosh and Pandit Rast
- Treasurer - Kalyan Ghosh
- 14/11/42

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